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A juror's regret: Doubt compounded by verdict

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COMMENTARY

LOWELL — As criminal cases go, it was a depressingly common trial, hardly the stuff of sensational headlines. A man was accused of beating and trying to strangle his wife.

But for the jurors chosen to sit in judgment of the accused 56-year-old in the old 19th-century courthouse here on

Gorham Street late last month, it was the center of their universe for three days.

They had a sworn duty. They held a man's fate in their hands.

They heard the evidence. They reviewed the exhibits. They listened to legalisms from the attorneys and from the judge.

And then, locked in a well-worn jury room, they rendered a guilty verdict that now haunts one of them.

"I feel so bad about this decision," ju-

'We all raised our hands and went, 'Yaay!' And it's like: Oh my god, I just (convicted) this guy.'

ROB MOIR, *juror*

ror Rob Moir told me last week. "This process just went haywire."

In a letter he sent to Superior Court Judge Robert L. Ullmann, Moir was even more explicit.

"I am ashamed that my desire to be part of a group impaired my judgment," he wrote. "I greatly regret my irresponsible actions that resulted in an innocent man being found guilty of something he did not do."

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Visions for new rail line clashing

Expansion may alter goals for Fairmont

By Adam Vaccaro
GLOBE STAFF

Should the Fairmount Line be a traditional commuter rail service, running from the city to a distant suburb and back again during rush hours?

Or is it better used as a rapid-transit service that provides a faster-paced link to downtown for Boston's minority neighborhoods?

Those two visions would seem to be in conflict, and the differences soon may play out for real. The MBTA is planning to extend Fairmount service to Gillette Stadium in Foxborough in 2019.

Meanwhile, the administration of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh is working on a pitch for additional daily service within the city — a step toward the decades-long goal of using the Fairmont Line as a rapid-transit connection for a large section of Boston

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'I felt like a prisoner'

Patients question tactics, union ties of treatment center

By Evan Allen
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STAT

They'd been promised a "spa for teachers" but were brought to a run-down, low-slung building on an unremarkable stretch of road miles from the beach. Employees confiscated their cellphones, credit cards, and driver's licenses.

One after another, New Jersey public school teachers arrived at the Recovery Institute of South Florida after asking their union to find them addiction or mental health treatment. Instead of getting the help they needed, many said, they were essentially trapped at the facility while their health insurance was billed tens of thousands of dollars.

"I felt like a prisoner," said Michael RISF, Page A6

In the news



Get a drip on

Monday: Showers.

High 43-48, low 33-38.

Tuesday: Leftover drizzle.

High 43-48, low 33-38.

High tide: 6:57, 7:20.

Sunrise: 6:32. Sunset: 4:24.

Complete report, **B13**.

A powerful earthquake struck near the border of Iran and Iraq, killing at least 100. **A4**.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley's decision to allow political signature drives on church property splits parishioners. **B1**.

"There needs to be real change," says new General Electric CEO John Flannery, who is about to detail to Wall Street his plans to get GE back on



the right track. **B9**.

Some families of the children shot to death at Sandy Hook school look to the Connecticut Supreme Court to pierce the shield protecting gun makers. **A2**.

Former top US intelligence officials accused President Trump of being susceptible to being manipulated by foreign leaders who stroke his ego. **A4**.

Rodrigo Duterte, the bellicose leader of the Philippines, has warned to the United States as President Trump largely abandons pressing foreign leaders on human rights atrocities. **A8**.

Current and former NSA officials say breaches and disclosures have been catastrophic for the agency. **A2**.

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Step by oblivious step



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A pedestrian checked her cellphone as she walked onto Beacon Street in Boston.

Screen-addled walkers the bane of drivers — and each other

By Beth Teitell
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It was evening rush hour on Congress Street, and six lanes of buses, vans, cars, trucks, and bikes were fighting for position. The tension — HONKKKKK!!! — was palpable.

Well, to some.

Phone zombie Kaitlin Mulcahey crossed the major Boston thoroughfare with nary a care in the world beyond her own palm. She was communing with her screen when she was startled by a reporter on the sidewalk.

The question: What vital issue is demanding your attention?

The answer: A GIF showing the "Home Alone" kid staring out a window, with the caption "When Halloween's over and you

can start playing holiday music."

As our work and lives and even leisure move ever faster, and the pressure escalates to respond immediately to e-mails — or Facebook posts — lawmakers around the country are trying to rein in the mobile madness.

In late October, Honolulu started ticketing pedestrians who cross the street while texting or viewing a screen. Violators can be fined up to \$99. In September, the New York State Assembly passed a law that directs New York City to "study and report on its efforts to educate pedestrians and drivers on the dangers of pedestrians being distracted by use of a mobile device."

In Boston, screen addicts can roam free, at least for now. But a bill in the Legislature

DISTRACTED WALKING, Page A9

1 in 4 deaths
in motor vehicle crashes involve people walking or bicycling, according to MassDOT

THAT MILE-HIGH FEELING



MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

Patriots Brandon King congratulated teammate Jacob Hollister after he recovered a fumble in the team's 41-16 win over the Denver Broncos in Denver Sunday. **Score, C1**.

Cellular pioneer Vanu Bose dies

By Bryan Marquard
GLOBE STAFF

Born into one of Greater Boston's most prominent technology families, Vanu Bose became an entrepreneur in his own right, founding a company that uses cellular base stations to help provide wireless infrastructure globally, including in sparsely populated areas from Vermont to Rwanda.

"Nobody's been able to find a way to make rural developing-market coverage economically viable," he told MIT Technology Review for a profile published three weeks ago.

Dr. Bose was 52 when he died Saturday of a pulmonary embolism, the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced. His death comes four years after his father, Bose Corp. founder Amar G. Bose, died at 83.

Both son and father were prominent members of MIT's community. Each graduated from the institute with three degrees, and Dr. Bose had served since 2013 on the MIT Corporation, the institute's board of trustees.

"We've really lost a beautiful human," Robert B. Millard, chairman of the MIT Corporation, said in a statement, adding that "we are all shocked to lose Vanu Bose, a warm and valuable

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Dr. Bose's company helped restore cellphone connections in ravaged parts of Puerto Rico.

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